

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-63 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to represent the cancelled claims. Claims 64-86 are currently pending in the present application. Applicant submits that claims 64-86 are allowable over the cited prior art and respectfully request that the Examiner allows these claims.

Formal Matters

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the five-months extension of time required to maintain the pendency of this case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees required by this response to Deposit Account No. 50-2613 Order No. (45098.00010.UTL1.P1068) including the petition for extension of time.

Art Rejections

1. Claims 1-63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Elliott et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,335,927 ("Elliott"). Claims 1-63 have been cancelled without prejudice thus rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

Claims 64-86 are now pending in the present application and more clearly claim the various embodiments described in the specification. Applicant submits that the claims are fully supported by the specification. Applicant believes these claims patently define over the previously identified prior art of record.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2613 Order No. (45098.00010.UTL1.P1068).

Respectfully Submitted,

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